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MAGNO'S MESSAGE.

Complexion of the Weather—Sunday at the Churches.

SIR JOHN WALLACE PASSES AWAY—THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS PAY HIM HONOR.

Deaths Numerous—Concerts and Other Entertainment Sparks from the Ward.

Last Sunday was indeed a beautiful day, reminding us more of an early spring day than of an approaching winter one. Our churches were well attended.

The pulpit of the First Baptist Church was occupied by Rev. Fauntleroy, a young minister of said church. It will be remembered the pastor, Rev. James Holmes has been indisposed for some time.

Excellent services were conducted at the Mt. Carmel on last Sunday. At 3:30 communion services were the main feature.

At the Moore St. Church, Rev. R. O. Johnson preached an excellent sermon on "Adoption." The said church is holding an entertainment on Monday night, Dec. 13th, at 8 o'clock.

The Sunday School Union convened with the First Baptist Sunday School last Sunday evening. Quite a large crowd attended. Officers for the ensuing year were elected on Thursday night.

Sir Knight John Wallace, after a considerable illness, passed away on Friday night, December 4. His funeral took place from the Sixth St. Baptist Church last Sunday evening, at which time the Sir Knights of a number of other lodges with Virginia lodge paid honor to their dead.

John Jasper conducted the funeral rite.

Deaths has been frequent in this section the past week. The righteous and unrighteous have been carried to their long home, while mourners go about the streets.

Cards are out that Miss J. H. is to be married during Christmas holidays. Did you know it? Yes, a country fellow.

Tramps are supposed to be visitors of this section. On last Sunday night, a young man leaving his girl's house, received a lick on the back of his neck by some one jumping from an alley.

Some men don't stay so long at your girls' houses.

We learn that he said in his debate the other night that "Woman was good for but one thing. What did he mean?"

We learn that another of our "fessers" is now wearing the ministerial garb. Can you guess?

That said didn't receive him when he brought another girl to see her was no joke.

We saw one of our preachers in the street the other night playing. Didn't he say something about his girls also outnumber the boys. We are general ly helped a good deal by boys from the country and other places. Give them a

whiskey bill is a hard one to pay. A young married man had the experience of a couple calling for a settlement of six months' debt. Young men, shun such Christmas is fast approaching. Now, be careful and don't let strong drink get the better of your conscience.

Do you know he has already had his merry Christmas? Yes, he has. He says he expects to have a merry good time.

While we are speaking, we would not fail to warn those girls against drinking so much as they have been generally doing at this season of the year.

The population is fast increasing in this section, although some one seems to be daily.

We learn that the husbands are expecting to produce a few commandments.

The children of this section are looking with fond expectation to the coming of Christmas.

Let us learn that the First Baptist Church will give an old-time Christmas tree.

Let us have not heard of any club to give an entertainment during Christmas holidays. Will you speak?

It is said that the girls will make a special call on their fellows New Year's day. Boys, stay at home.

"Sunny," what progress has your husband girls made along matrimonial lines.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

To the PLANKET.

Saturday Bible class is still growing up. We want you to attend. Meets every Saturday 5 p. m. Prof. G. R. Hovey is always glad to meet a stranger. Come.

The boys enjoyed their trip to the 7th Convention, Hampton, Va., which was given to them by General Secretary S. C. Burwell, last Sunday.

President T. B. Blue and President R. T. Hill made the men, last Sunday, feel that they were at the Conference. This is the way to do brethren, when you get a good thing share it with your neighbors.

At 8 p. m. last Sunday, the parents of the boys were out in full to meet the boys at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Master Gabriel made a very impressive address. Director Nelson Williams, Jr., prepared himself for the occasion and if the parents had not been so busy, they would have been there.

Decrease, Rev. Wells, one who is always interested in the welfare of the young men, made a very pointed address. President R. T. Hill offered prayer, asking God's continued blessings upon this great work, which is for us to do. The choir rendered some very choice music. We thank all for their help in this effort.

To day 5 p. m. Sunday-school lesson, by Prof. G. R. Hovey.

Special meeting for boys at our rooms, Sunday, 4 p. m.

Remember that the Association of the Richmond Theological Seminary will conduct the men's meeting Sunday, at 5:30 p. m. True Reformers' Hall, Special music. Rev. Wright will deliver a special address, subject: "What is Temperance to the Young Men of Today?" A very timely subject. All roads should bear it. Free to all men. Come.

DIGNITY OF THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

There is a ministry common to every philanthropist. There is a diplomatic ministry, there is a gospel ministry, and an army, there seems to be a disposition among some church members to clandestinely ignore, undervalue, and underrate the ministry, especially those ministers, who are not graduates, and do not wear a clerical title, notwithstanding the fact that Rev. Andrew Fuller: "They have a warm heart for Christ, an ardent love to the souls of poor heathens, an upright character, and a decent share of common sense."

I feel impelled to write in the defense of the gospel ministry, and yet it may be in vain. For some religious opponents, although occupying chief seats in synagogues, are like unto Pharisees, pharisees to their idols, a cake not turned, and as a silly dove. It is recorded: "Produce your cause, saith the Lord, bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob."

We notice of a minister in his general attire, a minister in his general attire, an undrilled, a servant, a subordinate, an assistant of inferior rank, a delegate, an ambassador.

A chief servant of the executive authority, one to whom a king or prince entrusts the direction of affairs of state, persons in whose hands the administration of government is placed.

A representative of a sovereign or government at a foreign court, a delegate, an ambassador.

One who serves at the altar, one who presides at the altar, the pastor of a church duly authorized a license to preach the gospel and administer the sacraments.

A person may minister, i. e., "afford supplies, to give things needful, to supply the means of relief," and yet not be a minister of the gospel.

Minister, in politics is a servant of the sovereign executive power in a state, generally the head of a department or branch of government. The term minister is frequently used in a more common sense, as in the case of the Baptist denomination.

In modern language, the term minister is used to signify an ordained clergyman, and ministry to signify his office, i. e., his religious office. This term is in very common use at the present day, and is also used by the members of the Baptist denomination.

The ministers of Christ are a separate class of persons, distinguished by a special divine call to preach the word. The ministers of Christ are also called "clergy," and "the ministry." The special work or service for which the minister is designed, is the preaching of the word.

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MR. YOST WINS

THE BAREFACED OUTRAGE FAILS OF ITS PURPOSE.

The Supreme Court Rises Above Partisanship.

A TEDIOUS CONTEST.

Mr. Flood Now Has a Hopeless Case.

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PYTHIAN NOTES.

Since the appearance of our notes of last issue the grim monster death has been among our ranks and taken from us one brave Sir Knight, the officer of John Wall, one of the Past Chancellors of Virginia Lodge, No. 8. The funeral took place Sunday evening from the 8th Mount Zion Church. We were glad to see representatives from Samson, Myrtle, Planet, Old Dominion and Blooming Lily Lodges.

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